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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed August 29, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 24, 2003; and August 11, 2003.

Claims 1-4 and 11-22 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 are independent. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-14, 17, 18, 21 and 22 (page 4, Paper No. 20060819). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Official Action reject claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,965,916 to Chen. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Official Action has not established an anticipation rejection. Paragraph 7 of the Official Action rejects claims 3, 4, 19 and 20 as obvious based on